Warner Park | 2016 Summer Vature Center

Schedule

Warner Park Nature Center is open Tuesday-Saturday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Percy and Edwin Warner Parks are open 7 days a week from sunrise to 11 p.m.

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Summer is HOT!

Summer sizzles with FREE programs for school-aged children, families, and adults! Watch the Sun through a solar-filtered telescope, build your outdoor skills and learn the songs of common birds on Wednesdays. Check out our new Summer StoryWalk with little ones or join our Nature Readers Book Club, which meets on Saturday afternoons in June, July and August. Support your Parks by joining local musicians at monthly Full Moon Pickin' Parties. There's something for everyone at the Nature Center this summer!

Insects of the Night July 29, 7-9:30 p.m.

Wear your favorite insect costume. Exhibits, night hikes, puppet shows and crafts will celebrate our favorite invertebrates. Belmont University entomologist Dr. Steve Murphree will be on hand to answer all of your insect inquiries.



Hummingbird Celebration August 27, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wish our smallest birds farewell as they migrate to Mexico. Observe bird researchers as they trap and band birds. Watch the hummingbird puppet show, create your own bird to take home, or just enjoy the hummers from the back porch during this day-long celebration!

Through the Eyes of a Bluebird Family Movie Night:	Thursday, June 2 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+ Call or register online	Stroll a section of the Warner Park Bluebird Trail and see why bluebirds love to nest in our boxes. Learn about the behavior of the bluebird and how you can encourage them to nest in your yard. Leader: Diana McLusky, Volunteer Naturalist
Family Movie Night: "Finding Nemo"	Friday, June 3 8-10 p.m.	Age level: All ages Call or register online	What is more fun that watching a movie? Watching a movie outside! Bring a picnic blanket or sleeping bag and pillow, and we'll provide the freshly popped popcorn! Leader: Rachel Anderson
Summer StoryWalk® Reveal	Saturday, June 4 Open during Park hours, dawn until 11 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	It's time to reveal our new StoryWalk® book! Bring your little ones and discover what story we've chosen for summer. This is an "on-your-own" activity following the Little Acorn Trail. Coordinator: Rachel Koch
Feelin' Blue	Saturday, June 4 10 a.mnoon	Age level: All ages Registration opens May 20	Don't feel blue! Hike the blue trail (Harpeth Woods trail) to hunt for all things blue during the summer. Leader: Heather Gallagher
Nature Readers Book Club	Saturday, June 4 4-5:30 p.m.	Age level: Adults, 21+ RSVP by Thursday, June 2	Are you yearning to join a book group of passionate naturalists? Whether you are an expert in the field or newly curious about nature, join us for inspiring and enlightening conversations. Bring an environmentally-based or natural history book to share. We'll have a few discussion topics prepared, too. A book will be chosen for future months. Leaders: Rachel Koch and Dr. Amy Wright, Associate Professor of Creative Writing, APSU
Tanager Tuesday	Tuesday, June 7 9:30-10:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Call or register online	Take a morning walk and discover some interesting facts about two of our summer bird residents, the tanagers. We can listen for calls and songs as we walk and talk about their migration routes, favorite foods, nesting habitat and beautiful feathers. At the end we will stop by the bird banding table and maybe see a tanager up close! Leaders: Lauren and Della Hoffman, Volunteer Naturalists
Jr. Naturalist Kickoff: Explore Your Park	Wednesday, June 8 10 a.mnoon	Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens May 24	Explore Warner Park this summer while completing the NEW Jr. Naturalist Activity Book! From scavenger bingo to creek crawls, this brand-new activity book challenges you to explore a variety of habitats as you work to earn your very own naturalist badge. Activity books will be available for \$2. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Dawn and Dusk: Burch Reserve Hike Part I	Thursday, June 9 6-8 a.m.	Ages: 8 years and up Registration opens May 25	The glowing light from the newly risen sun is a sight to behold as you hike the Burch Reserve. Be one of the first to explore the morning beauty of this trail through field and forest. Leaders: Melissa Donahue and Rachel Anderson
Mother Earth Land Cruise	Friday, June 10 9-11 a.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+ Call or register online	Join naturalist Deb Beazley on a cruise through the woods to explore the Park's summer attractions. Barred owls will be hiding from us in the trees while snakes and skinks hide in the rock walls. Who knows what we will see? Leader: Deb Beazley

Family Bike Ride on the Greenway

Friday, June 10 5:30-8 p.m.

Age level: All ages Registration opens May 26

Explore the Harpeth River Greenway while riding from Edwin Warner Park to the pond at Morton Mill trailhead and back. Along the way we will enjoy the sights and sounds of the river, fields and woods of Bellevue! Bring a picnic and enjoy the sunset after the ride.

Cathedral of Nature: **Drawings and** Paintings of the **Trees of Warner** Parks and Hill Forest Saturday, June 11

Exhibit runs June 10-30 Friday, June 10 Reception with the Artist

6-8:30 p.m.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Artist Gallery Talk Sunday, June 12 1 p.m.

Friends of Warner Parks is pleased to present Cathedral of Nature by renowned artist Charles Brindley. The paintings and drawings of this series focus on remarkable trees of Warner Parks and Hill Forest. Brindley's images will be for sale during this exhibit, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit Friends of Warner Parks. Charles Brindley's paintings and drawings depict a variety of symbolladen subjects, including giant deciduous trees, panoramic landscapes, prehistoric ruins, rock formations, architecture and still lifes. His images are highly representational but contain multilayered abstract elements.

Leader: Kim Bailey



Crawdad Creek Walk

Saturday, June 11 9:30-11 a.m.

Age level: All ages Registration opens May 29

What has ten legs, can swim backward and is a favorite food of raccoons? The amazing crayfish! Let's explore the creek and discover how these fascinating crustaceans find food, escape predators and raise their young. Leader: Rachel Anderson

Solar Skills



Wednesday, June 15 10 a.m.-noon

Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens May 31

Join us to learn all about Earth's star, the SUN! We'll create solar prints with the Frist Museum, watch the Sun through telescopes with solar filters, and learn about the Nature Center's solar panels. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers, Frist Museum, and Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society

Evening Song Social

Wednesday, June 15 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Age level: Adults, 13+ Call or register online Gather to enjoy evening song in one of the quietest and most secluded areas of the Parks which features some of the most beautiful songbirds in the area. We'll meet at one of the recently renovated historical shelters to listen, learn and share. Leader: Susan Bradfield, Volunteer Naturalist

Full Moon Pickin' Party Friday, June 17 7-11 p.m.

Age level: All ages Tickets may be purchased through www.nowplayingnashville.com Join musicians and music lovers for an evening of bluegrass, delicious food and

drink, and FUN for the entire family! All proceeds help protect and preserve the Parks. Coordinators: Friends of Warner Parks



Fantastic Fathers

Saturday, June 18 10-11:30 a.m.

Age level: All ages Registration opens June 3

Is your Dad the Greatest? Spend time with him this Father's Day Weekend and earn about some of the great animal fathers that live in the Park. Leader: Melissa Donahue

The Old Tree **Drawing Workshop** with Artist **Charles Brindley**

Saturday, June 18 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. \$70 workshop fee benefitting Friends of Warner Parks

Age level: Adults, 13+ Call or register online



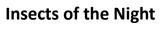
Join acclaimed artist Charles Brindley for a one-day Old Tree Drawing Workshop. Brindley has captured the ageless beauty of some of Warner Parks' oldest trees, and will lead this adult class for all levels, from beginner to advanced. Space is limited and registration is required. Leader: Charles Brindley

Name That Tune	Wednesday, June 22 10 a.mnoon	Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens June 7	Everyone's singing in Warner Parks! From frogs to finches, cicadas to crickets, music and sound are a vital part of animal behavior and survival. We'll learn all about these "tunes" and create songs of our own during this musical morning. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Local Camping in the Southeast	Wednesday, June 22 7 p.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+Call or register online	Whether you are new to the Southeast or new to camping, this class is sure to inform and inspire! Join REI to learn what you need to take your first (second or third) camping trip and special considerations for camping in the Southeast. This presentation will highlight the diverse camping opportunities in the Carolinas, Georgia, and Tennessee as well as cover the basics: Southeast essentials, gear and equipment, local activities, great regional resources and areas to camp. Leader: REI Brentwood staff
Organic Gardening	Thursday, June 23 8:30-9:30 a.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+ Call or register online	We will walk through the garden and talk about organic methods of growing healthy veggies, herbs and flowers. Many insects will be seen and discussed. Leader: Deb Beazley
Twilight to Night Romp	Friday, June 24 Age level: All ages	7-8:30 p.m. Registration opens June 9	Let's start with a crepuscular hike in the woods, followed by a romp in the field playing night nature games. As twilight slowly fades, we will finish the evening with a snack and stories. Leader: Melissa Donahue
Baby Bird Boogie	Saturday, June 25 10-11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens June 10	Many birds are having and raising young this season! Embark on a quest to find purple martin, bluebird, hummingbird, and other babies around the Nature Center campus. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Introduction to Mountain Biking Clinic	Saturday, June 25 10 a.m.	Age level: 10 years and up Call or register online Bikes will be provided	Get out and explore nature on 2 wheels! Have you ever wanted to learn more about mountain biking? Come out and learn about basic tips, etiquette, safety, and skills of mountain biking. At the end of class there will be an optional trail ride at the Percy Warner Mountain Bike Trail. Leader: David Henderson, SORBA
Build Your Outdoor Skills	Wednesday, June 29 10 a.mnoon	Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens June 14	Hone your outdoor skills at this hands-on workshop that is completely outside. Fire building, mapping and knife skills are just some of the activities we will learn. Leaders: Neel Deshpande, Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Nocturnal Navigation	Friday, July 1 7-8:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens June 16	Have you ever wondered how our nocturnal creatures find their way in the dark? Join us on an evening hike and learn all about nocturnal animals and the amazing techniques they use to get around. Leaders: Haley Stoever, Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Explore Galore With Nature	Saturday, July 2 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens June 17	Let the Nature Games begin! Explore the woods, field and creek while playing some of our favorite nature games: Caterpillar Walk, Predator-Prey, Owls & Crows, and more. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Games	Register by calling	g (615) 352-6299 or email u	s at <u>wpnc@nashville.gov</u>

Outdoor Exploration Stations	Wednesday, July 6 10 a.mnoon	Age level: All ages Registration opens June 21	Explore the diverse outdoor habitats of Warner Park through hands-on discovery and observation. Naturalists will be on-site in the creek, pond, forest, field, and organic to help you investigate the natural world! Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Cerulean Warbler: Vehicle for Exploring the Trials and Tribulations of Migratory Songbirds		Age level: Adults, 13+ Call or register online	Migration plays an important role in the annual cycle of all migrating birds. Not only do they spend a significant part of the year traveling between breeding and wintering grounds, they also cross geopolitical boundaries in the process. Melinda Welton will describe the many challenges faced by migrating songbirds using the Cerulean Warbler as a guide and discussing the pivotal role Tennessee plays in its survival. Presenter: Melinda Welton, Research Associate, Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
Mother Earth Land Cruise	Friday, July 8 8-10 a.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+ Call or register online	Join naturalist Deb Beazley for a summer stroll in the woods. We will let the Park's wildlife lead the discussion from yellow jackets eating worms to sharp shinned hawks chasing cardinals. Who knows what we will see? Leader: Deb Beazley
Bats Eat Bugs	Friday, July 8 7-8:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens June 30	Bats fly, eat insects, use sonar and are a fascinating and important part of the natural world. We'll learn all about our local bats through games, hands-on fun, and first hand observation. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Citizen Science: Butterfly Count	Saturday, July 9 10 a.m4 p.m.	Age level: Adult, 13+ Call or register online	The North American Butterfly Association's official July Count needs you. Learn on the job as you help record and observe the many butterflies that call Warner Park home. You can sign up for as many or few hours as you'd like during this all day count. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Butterflies in My Stomach	Saturday, July 9 1-2:30 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens June 23	You will be excited to learn about all the butterflies that call Tennessee home. Come to the Nature Center to identify a few of them. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Nature Readers Book Club	Saturday, July 9 4-5:30 p.m.	Age level: Adults, 21+ RSVP by Thursday, July 7	Are you thirsty for thought-provoking conversation and eager to discuss our chosen book? It's never too late to join us! Parnassus Bookstore is happy to offer our readers a discount on our book of the month. Leaders: Rachel Koch and Dr. Amy Wright, Associate Professor of Creative Writing, APSU
Summer Star Party	Saturday, July 9 9-11 p.m.	Age level: All ages Call or register online	Meet at the Special Events Field in Edwin Warner Park for an evening of planet gazing: Jupiter, Mars and Saturn will be well-placed for viewing with a young moon, too! Leaders: Heather Gallagher and Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society
Spineless Wonders	Wednesday, July 13 10 a.mnoon	Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens June 28	Snails, butterflies, pillbugs and spiders: while they all lack a spine, they are still a wonder to behold. Let's search for, observe and record as many different kinds of invertebrates as possible as we explore water, air and land. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

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Sparks: Summer Family Campfire	Friday, July 15 8-9 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens June 30	Sparks will fly at this campfire program for the entire family! Bring a blanket or chair and be ready for campfire songs and activities. Leaders: Neel Deshpande, Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Vaughn's Creek Venture	Saturday, July 16 10-11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens July 1	Crawdads, water snakes, and salamanders are just some of the treasures we will find as we explore the creek. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Map and Compass Basics with REI	Saturday, July 16 10 a.m.	Age level: Adults, 13+ Call or register online	Learn basic navigation skills using map and compass to find your way. Learn the parts of a compass, how to read a topographic map and how to use them in tandem. You'll learn also how to pinpoint your location through triangulation and then navigate following a bearing. Maps and compasses are provided, but bring your own if you prefer. Leaders: REI Brentwood Staff
Animal Anglers	Wednesday July 20 10 a.mnoon	6-12 years Registration opens July 6	What do an a kingfisher, water snake, raccoon and snapping turtle all have in common? They all enjoy fish for a meal. Amble over to Warner Park to learn about these amazing anglers. Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Full Moon Pickin' Party	Friday, July 22 7-11 p.m.	Age level: All ages Tickets may be purchased through www.nowplayingnashville.com	Join musicians and music lovers for an evening of bluegrass, delicious food and drink, and FUN for the entire family! All proceeds help protect and preserve the Parks. Coordinators: Friends of Warner Parks
Cloud Cover	Saturday, July 23 10-11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Registration opens July 8	Clouds are amazing. They make awesome shapes, cool down hot days, and bring rain. We will make clouds in a jar and do some cloud watching of our own while we discover what it takes to make a cloud and why there are so many different kinds in the sky. Leader: Haley Stoever
The Glorious Garden	Wednesday, July 27 10 a.mnoon	Age level: 6-12 years Registration opens July 13	Under one leaf you may see a cocoon, between two stems a spider, and of course all of the fabulous flowers and vegetables that grow in the garden.

Age level: All ages Call or register online



Friday, July 29 7-9:30 p.m.

Dress as your favorite 6-legged critter and learn about insects through games, activities, night hikes and more! Explore how nocturnal insects find each other in the dark, act out the life cycle of a firefly and meet a caterpillar (as well as the tarantula who crashes the insect party each year)! This night of fun is not to be missed! Leaders: Nature Center Staff, Volunteers and Dr. Steve Murphree, entomologist at Belmont University

Discover the plants and animals that make our garden such an active and amazing place. Leader: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers





Summer Games: The Animal Olympics	Saturday, July 30 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Call or register online	Get ready for the Summer Olympic Games with this program highlighting the athletic feats of animals. Find out who excels at weight lifting, the backstroke, the long jump and more, then join in the games! Leader: Kim Bailey
Get Ready for Hummers	Saturday, August 6 10-11 a.m.	Age level: All ages Call or register online	Let's get the Nature Center ready for hummingbirds. We'll clean the feeders, make the sugar water, and work in the garden to prepare for one of our favorite birds. Leader: Heather Gallagher
Nature Readers Book Club	Saturday, August 6 4-5:30 p.m.	Age level: Adults, 21+ RSVP by Thursday, August 4	Are you thirsty for thought-provoking conversation and eager to discuss our chosen book? It's never too late to join us! Parnassus Bookstore is happy to offer our readers a discount on our book of the month. Leaders: Rachel Koch and Dr. Amy Wright
Summer Saunter	Saturday, August 13 10-11:30 a.m.	Age level: All ages Call or register online	Become a "Naturalist" on this summer journey through the forest. We will look, listen, observe closely and record our observations. Who knows natural wonders we will find! Leader: Vera Vollbrecht
Dawn and Dusk: Burch Reserve Hike Part II	Thursday, August 18 7-9 p.m.	Age level: 8 years and up Registration opens August 4	Imagine the beauty as the sun sinks behind rolling hills; then imagine the exhilaration as your eyes adjust to the darkening sky to behold the magnificent full moon! Experience the sights and sounds of crepuscular and nocturnal animals within the Burch Reserve on this evening hike. Leaders: Melissa Donahue and Rachel Koch
Full Moon Pickin' Party	Friday, August 19 7-11 p.m.	Age level: All ages Tickets may be purchased through www.nowplayingnashville.com	Join musicians and music lovers for an evening of bluegrass, delicious food and drink, and FUN for the entire family! All proceeds help protect and preserve the Parks. Coordinators: Friends of Warner Parks
Tomato Time	Saturday, August 20 10 a.mnoon	Age level: All ages Registration opens August 5	August is "Tomato Time" in Tennessee, and we are ready to celebrate! You might have missed the East Nashville Tomato Arts Festival but don't miss the Warner Park Tomato Celebration. We will embrace all things tomato. Leader: Melissa Donahue
Citizen Science: Hummingbird Research and Observation	Wednesday, August 24 4-6 p.m.	Age level: All ages Call or register online	Learn about area hummingbird populations through the most precise inventory method, bird banding. Our bird researchers will carefully trap, band, and collect data on our smallest bird during this program. Leaders: Rachel Anderson and Heather Gallagher
Hummingbird Celebration	Saturday, August 27 9:30-3 p.m.	Age level: All ages Registration not required	Bid farewell to our smallest birds as they migrate south! Crafts, games, puppet shows and more will celebrate these jewels of the sky. Leaders: The Bird Banding Team, Nature Center Staff and Volunteers
Our Ruby-throated Hummingbirds	Saturday, August 27 11-noon	Age level: Ages 8 years and up Call or register online	Unlock the mysteries of hummingbirds at this question and answer session about one of our favorite birds. Leader: Heather Gallagher



2016 Summer Schedule At-A-Glance

June

- 2: Through the Eyes of a Bluebird, 10-11:30 a.m., Adults, 13+
- 3: Family Movie Night, "Finding Nemo", 8-10 p.m., All ages
- 4: Summer StoryWalk Reveal, Open during park hours, All ages
- 4: Feelin' Blue, 10 a.m.-noon, All ages
- 4: Nature Readers Book Club, 4-5:30 p.m., Adults, 21+
- 7: Tanager Tuesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., All ages
- 8: Jr. Naturalist Kickoff: Explore Your Park, 10 a.m.-noon,
- 6-12 years
- 9: Dawn and Dusk: Burch Reserve Hike Part I, 6-8 a.m., 8+
- 10: Mother Earth Cruise, 9-11 a.m., Adults, 13+
- 10: Family Bike Ride on the Greenway, 5:30-8 p.m. All ages
- 10, 11, & 12: Charles Brindley Cathedral of Nature Exhibition
- 11: Crawdad Creek Walk, 9:30-11 a.m., All ages
- 15: Solar Skills, 10 a.m.-noon, 6-12 years
- 15: Evening Song Social, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Adults, 13+
- 17: Full Moon Pickin' Party, 7-11 p.m., All ages
- 18: Fantastic Fathers, 10-11:30 a.m., All ages
- 18: The Old Tree Drawing Workshop, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Adults
- 22: Name That Tune, 10 a.m.-noon, 6-12 years
- 22: Local Camping in the Southeast, 7 p.m., Adults, 13+
- 23: Organic Gardening, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Adults, 13+
- 24: Twilight to Night Romp, 7-8:30 p.m., All ages
- 25: Baby Bird Boogie, 10-11 a.m., All ages
- 25: Introduction to Mountain Biking Clinic, 10 a.m., 10+
- 29: Build Your Outdoor Skills, 10 a.m.-noon, 6-12 years

July

- 1: Nocturnal Navigation, 7-8:30 p.m., All ages
- 2: Explore Galore with Nature Games, 10-11:30 a.m., All ages
- 6: Outdoor Exploration Stations, 10 a.m.-noon, All ages
- 6: Cerulean Warbler lecture, 7-8:30 p.m., Adults, 13+

July (cont'd)

- 8: Mother Earth Cruise, 8-10 a.m., Adults, 13+
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- 16: Map and Compass Basics, 10 a.m.
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